Prime Minister on his visit to UK in October, 2002 that Western Countries were maintaining double standards on terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) There has been widespread international support to Prime Minster initiative of April 18, extending once again the hand of friendship to Pakistan, and the step-by-step process of normalisation of diplomatic and other links.

(b) and (c) Under the Simla agreement and as reiterated in the Lahore declaration, both India and Pakistan are committed to addressing all bilateral issues through peaceful bilateral dialogue. There is no scope for third party mediation.

However, there is scope for international cooperation as part of the global effort against international terrorism. Most countries have stated clearly that terrorism anywhere is unacceptable, cannot be justified on any grounds and must be eradicated, wherever it exists.

Pakistan, however, has attempted to use the limited and reluctant cooperation it has provided to the global effort to continue to maintain its option, capability and infrastructure to use terrorism as an instrument of State policy selectively. This aspect is not being addressed in the global effort against international terrorism and unless addressed would only serve to render it ineffective.

Five point agenda for peace initiatives between India and Pakistan

466. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a five point agenda as the basis of the new round of peace initiatives between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) India desires the establishment of a relationship of peace, friendship and cooperation with Pakistan. Prime Minister had, on April 18, 2003, once again

extended the hand of friendship to Pakistan. In his statement in Parliament on May 2, he had announced the decision to appoint a High Commissioner to Pakistan and to restore civil aviation links on a reciprocal basis. It had also been made clear that India would pursue a step-by-step approach to normalisation of links and that creation of conducive environment for a sustained dialogue necessarily required an end to cross-border infiltration and dismantling of the infrastructure of support to terrorism. Subsequently, on May 26, Government announced wiilingnes to resume the Delhi-Lahore bus service.

Following Prime Minister's initiative both countires have appointed High Commissioners. The Delhi-Lahore bus service has been resumed with effect from July 11. Pakistan has indicated wiilingnes to host technical level discussions for resumption of civil aviation, although proposals for specific dates are still awaited. Both sides have released prisoners. There have also been important exchanges in the context of business, cultural and people to-people contacts.

Attitude of Pak President towards India

467. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after meeting USA President, the President of Pakistan has changed his attitude towards India;

(b) if so, whether Pakistan President has assured total stoppage of infiltration and aid to extremists;

(c) whether India has rejected Pakistan's third party mediation of Kashmir issue, as proposed by the Pakistan President's to USA;

(d) if so, to what extent India has checked the situation about infiltration and Pakistan's involvement in dismantling training camps in both Pakistan and PoK;

(e) whether USA has provided financial aid and refused military aid to Pakistan; and

(f) if so, to what extent India has condemned this move?